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TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY Samuel Skinner was sharply criticized last week by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association for his support of legislation that sought to divert nearly $1 billion from the Aviation Trust Fund (see related article on Page 106). AOPA President John Baker said he was "flabbergasted" by Skinner's support for this "ludicrous proposal."

TEXTRON LYCOMING, which has been studying the feasibility of a compression combustion engine capable of burning jet fuel, believes the heavier weight of such a powerplant would be offset by its better fuel specifics. The new engine, which is seen as a replacement for existing piston engines, has been under study for a number of years. Textron Lycoming expects to make a decision within the next year on whether to move the program beyond the research and development stage.

FAA ADMINISTRATOR James Busey has named recently retired Navy Capt. John A. Burt as his special assistant for procurement. Busey has told FAA officials he expects to have three other top officials—a new deputy administrator and the associate administrators for policy, planning and international affairs, and airports—selected by mid-October.

NEW AIRCRAFT ANNOUNCEMENTS will be plentiful at the National Business Aircraft Association convention this week in Atlanta. In addition to the introduction of the British Aerospace 1000 (BA, Sept. 4/73), the Falcon X model from Dassault (BA, June 12/186) and the new cargo aircraft from Swiss manufacturer Pilatus (BA, June 19/193), Beech will announce the King Air 350, Israel Aircraft Industries will unveil the Astra SP and Cessna will provide details on its new Citation IV.

EJA BREAKS INTO EAST COAST 'BIG IRON' MARKET WITH UAF PURCHASE

EJA Holdings, Inc. and its parent company, RTS Capital Services, Inc. announced the acquisition of United Air Fleet, a major East Coast aircraft management and maintenance firm. EJA Holdings, whose subsidiaries include Executive Jet Aviation of Columbus, Ohio and Executive Jet Management, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, will have a major presence in the East Coast charter and management market as a result of the UAF acquisition. The purchase also moves the company into the large aircraft management business. Richard T. Santulli, chief executive of EJH, said "the synergy of combining EJH and UAF firmly establishes us as the dominant corporate aircraft operator and management company in the United States."

UAF, through its three subsidiaries, manages a fleet of 26 aircraft including Gulfstreams, Challengers, Falcons, HS/BAe 125s, Learjets and Citations. James W. Jacobs formed Turbine Air Management about six years ago in Connecticut and acquired AFM Corp. of Westfield, Mass. and World Jet Corp. on Long Island approximately three years ago. UAF operates aircraft management and maintenance bases at Westfield; Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn.; MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma, N.Y. and at Teterboro, N.J. EJA Holdings said Jacobs will remain with the company, overseeing customer relations and business development. Day-to-day operations of the new acquisition will be overseen by Phil Botana, executive vice president-operations of EJA, who also will continue his current responsibilities for operations in Ohio.

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1989 BUSINESS JET ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	OPER	PURP	FTL	DAM
89-01-06	DA-20F	Slid off runway landing during training	N1892S	TX	Ldg	Corp	Tra	-	M
01-09	L-55	Departed rwy. during high speed turnoff	D-CLIP	Germany	Ldg	Pvt	Pass	-	S
01-12	CE-501	Landed long following ILS, overshot rwy.	N32MJ	TN	Ldg	Bus	Ferry	-	M
01-13	L-35	Swerve off rwy. landing, training flt.	N352Z	IN	Ldg	Comm	Tra	-	M
01-20	DA-900	Aircraft departed runway side landing	N901B	IN	Ldg	Corp	Pass	-	S
01-31	L-23	Aircraft landed with ldg.gear retracted	FGDAV	Portugal	Ldg	Pvt	Ferry	-	D
02-15	DA-200C	Overshot runway during landing	N232RA	NY	Ldg	Comm	Cargo	-	D
02-24	L-35A	Hit standing water on TO, control lost	PTLGS	Brazil	TO	Comm	Pass	-	S
02-27	CE-550	Landed long, delayed abort, overshoot	N29X	NY	Ldg	Corp	Ferry	-	D
03-23	L-25	Overshot ldg. gear sheared,lded. gear up	M29FN	VA	Ldg	Comm	Ferry	-	S
05-22	HS-125	Nose gr. collapse during ldg. turn off	N125HS	OK	Ldg	Corp	Pass	-	M
05-24	L-31	Hit disabled acft.during takeoff	N31CG	MI	TO	Corp	Pass	-	M
06-29	DA-20	Failed to climb on TO, hit trees,tower	N125CA	GA	TO	Comm	Cargo	-	D
07-18	L-35	Overshot runway, landing in heavy rain	N701AS	IA	Ldg	Comm	Ferry	-	M
07-19	HS-125	All main tires failed during landing	N72K	AR	Ldg	Corp	Ferry	-	M
08-13	DH-125	Control lost during landing roll	N66HA	TX	Ldg	Pvt	Pass	-	S
09-13	1124	TO abort, overshoot following bird inj.	N810MT	IN	TO	Corp	Pass	-	M

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1989 TWIN TURBINE HELICOPTER ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	OPER	PURP	FTL	DAM
89-02-13	BK-117	Hit power lines operating in marg. wx.	N7025L	TX	Cru	Comm	EMS	3	D
02-22	S-76A	Crash during operation in marginal wx.	N767CA	PA	Cru	Corp	Pass	2	D
03-23	B-222	Lost directional control in hover turn	N5008Q	CO	Hover	Pers	Pass	-	S
03-26	AS-355	Control erratic during landing flare	N84MH	CA	Ldg	EMS	EMS	-	S
03-27	BK-117	Struck unlit tower during EMS operation	N39187	NC	Cru	County	EMS	2	D
03-27	S-76A	Hit rotors of other S-76 during landing	N760P	NY	Ldg	Corp	Pass	-	S
03-27	S-76A	Main rotors hit by landing S-76A	N586C	NY	Pkd	Corp	Pass	-	S
03-28	S-76A	During taxi, S-76 hit parked B-222	N30DJ	NY	Txi	Corp	Pass	-	M
03-28	B-222	While parked, struck by taxiing S-76A	N65WT	NY	Pkd	Corp	Pass	-	M
04-14	AS 355F2	Tail rotor struck site support bar ldg.	N225CC	NV	Ldg	Pers	Ferry	-	S
05-05	B-412	Exploded shortly after lift off	JA9596	China	App	Comm	O.S.	10	D
05-06	B-412	Crash following severe vibration inflt.	N524EH	AK	Cru	Comm	Ferry	-	D
05-07	BO105CBS	Impacted water near oil rig platform	N2785B	GM	Cru	Comm	O.S.	1	D
07-08	S-58T	Collided with terr., fire surpression	N6306	CA	Hvr	Comm	Ext.Ld	-	S

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1989 BUSINESS TURBOPROP ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	OPER	PURP	FTL	DAM
89-01-02	MU-2	Crash executing an ILS in IMC	N500B	SC	Ldg	Pvt	Pass	4	D
01-06	PA-31T	Lost control TO in IMC and snow showers	N82290	CO	TO	Bus	Pass	-	S
01-07	BE-90	Collided with trees maneuvering to land	N784Q	KY	App	Pvt	Pass	-	S
01-12	BE-200	During wx.diversion acft.hit high ground	YU597CP	Venez	Clb	Comm	Ferry	2	D
01-16	BE-90A	Main gear retracted touch & go ldg. Tra.	N623AW	AL	Ldg	Comm	Tra.	-	S
01-20	MU-2	Landed gear up following ILS in IMC	N142BK	UT	Ldg	Comm	Pass	-	M
01-30	BE-90E	Struck deer TO. Lded.gear up due damage	N87CH	WY	TO	Comm	Med.Ev.	-	M
02-11	BE-90	Cabin door separated during climb	N195KQ	IA	Clb	Bus	Pass	-	M
02-15	BE-200	Control loss due frozen sys., emerg.ldg.	N123D	VT	Clb	Comm	Pass	-	M
02-17	MU-2B	Hit rwy.lights landing on slippery rwy.	N54US	WA	Ldg	Comm	Cargo	-	S
02-24	SA-226T	Crash during IMC approach	non US	Finland	App	Comm	Pass	6	D
02-28	MU-2	Collided with water during contract ops.	N701DM	CA	Desc	Comm	Othr	1	D
02-28	BE-90	Taxi into ditch along runway side	N946	FL	Txi	Bus	Pass	-	M
03-06	BE-100	Gear up landing during training flight	N75ZZ	MI	Ldg	Comm	Tra	-	M
03-20	690A	Engine failure/shutdown during climb	N690MF	MN	Clb	Comm	Crgo	-	N
03-31	MU-2	Collided with BE-1900 during taxi	N638MA	NY	Txi	Comm	Crgo	-	S
04-10	BE-200	Fire/crash after TO. Sabotage suspected	N30PC	FL	Clb	Corp	Pass	3	D
05-10	BE-200	Flew into mountain during IFR ferry flt.	N39YV	NM	Cru	Comm	Ferry	1	D
05-12	SA-226T	Unable to lower rt.gr. Lded. with one up	N104TA	TX	Ldg	Comm	Ferry	-	M
06-07	MU-2M	Landed with gear partially extended	N60AJ	WI	Ldg	Comm	Ferry	-	S
06-08	MU-2J	Landed with rt. gear partially retracted	N155BA	OK	Ldg	Comm	Ferry	-	M
06-28	BE-2000	Nose gear collapsed, touch and go ldg.	N3042S	KS	Ldg	Mfg	Test	-	M
07-26	BE-90	Gear not extended for landing	N195DP	AR	Ldg	Comm	EMS	-	S
08-03	BE-300	Engine cowling separated during flight	N81	MI	Cru	FAA	Pass	-	M
08-21	BE-90	Crash during approach, IMC, fog	N25ST	OR	App	Comm	EMS	3	D

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BUSINESS AVIATION BRIEFS

NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION has sent a mailing to all members of Congress noting that FAA statistics demonstrate that "general aviation aircraft conducted 99.99901 percent of their flights without fatalities." NATA developed the figures, which are based on 1986 FAA statistics, because of concern on Capital Hill following the deaths of two members of Congress--Reps. Mickey Leland (D-Tex.) and Larkin Smith (R-Miss.)--in general aviation aircraft accidents. There have been unconfirmed reports that Congressional officials were considering some formal action to dissuade members of Congress from using general aviation aircraft.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT said last week it is issuing a $966,000 grant to the Puerto Rico Ports Authority to repair and replace airport facilities damaged by Hurrican Hugo. The FAA funds will be used to install and/or repair airport lighting systems and security fencing at airports in Culebra, Vieques and San Juan.

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ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS involving business jets, turboprops and helicopters that occurred during the first nine months of 1989, along with a brief summary of the circumstances surrounding each mishap, is shown in charts on the back of Pages 106-108. The charts, which appear quarterly in The Weekly of BUSINESS AVIATION, are compiled by Robert E. Breiling Associates. Breiling Associates has specialized in the compilation and analysis of business aircraft accident statistics for approximately 20 years. The company has published, and has available for sale, a number of comprehensive reports on different aspects of business aviation, including accident analyses of individual models of aircraft. Breiling Associates will be represented at this week's NBAA convention in Atlanta at Booth 3912.

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A GRAND CANYON AIRLINES de Havilland Twin Otter crashed during landing Wednesday at the Grand Canyon, Ariz. Airport, killing 10 of 21 people aboard, including the pilot and co-pilot. The aircraft was attempting to land, but became airborne again after the initial touchdown. It veered to the right and then to the left before hitting pine trees, flipping over and crashing about 300 yards east of Runway 3/21. Grand Canyon is an air taxi specializing in aerial canyon tours.

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CHALLENGES AND CHOICES IN CORPORATE AVIATION SAFETY is the theme of Flight Safety Foundation's annual Corporate Aviation Safety Seminar scheduled for April 18-20 in Montreal, Quebec. The three-day meeting, which will be held at The Four Seasons Hotel, will feature discussions on: managing the CEO; drug testing; the pros and cons of advanced cockpit technology, and, accident analyses. For more information, contact Flight Safety Foundation at (703) 522-8300.

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ROLLS-ROYCE, INC. has relocated its commercial marketing department to Reston, Va., a Washington, D.C. suburb. Company said the Washington area had become "increasingly important" to its ties with aerospace and airline customers. New address is 11911 Freedom Drive, Suite 550, Reston, Va. 22090.

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NATIONAL AIRCRAFT FINANCE ASSOCIATION will hold its 18th annual meeting Nov. 8-10 at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, Calif. For more information, call (202) 554-5570.

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COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORPORATION (COMSAT) signed a long-term agreement with Aeronautical Radio, Inc. (AIRINC) for the use of COMSAT's aeronautical satellite capacity. COMSAT will provide low gain cockpit data services in the Atlantic and Pacific regions, beginning in late 1989. Comprehensive data and voice services in the Atlantic and Pacific regions will begin Jan. 1, 1991, and will begin Jan. 1, 1993, in the Indian Ocean. ARINC has withdrawn all of its legal charges in the federal courts and at the FCC relating to COMSAT's authority to provide INMARSAT aeronautical services.

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